

# **The Center of Your Life**

Colossians 1:15-20

# The Center of it All..

- The center of the Solar System?
  - Assumption until 1500's – Earth was the center
    - Psalm 50:1 The Mighty One, God the LORD, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down.
    - Psa 113:3 From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD's name *is* to be praised.
  - 1500's Copernicus – The sun is at center of solar system

# What is at the Center?

- Many examples in daily life..
  - Tires (spin on axis)
  - The Center in Sports
  - Games
  - Organizations
- In Your Life (what is most important)
  - Who is on the throne?



GOD

LEIS

FAITH

WORK

FAM

# Centering our Lives

- The world is changing rapidly..
  - Technology/generation gap
  - Moral values/worldviews
- The Eternal God is unchanging..
  - Malachi 3:6 “For I *am* the LORD, I do not change..
  - Heb 1:10-12 “The heavens are the work of Your hands.. Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same and Your years will not fail.”
  - Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever.

# Daily Life keeps us distracted

- One thing is needful
  - Luke 10:38-42 Jesus in Martha's home
  - Matthew 13:18-23 The seed among thorns
  - Rev 2:1-7 Distractions can become a lifestyle
- Are you keeping Jesus at the center?
  - Have you lost some of your love for Him?
  - Are you spending time with Him?



# Keeping God at the Center

## — Keep your eyes on Him

- Psalm 123:1-2 Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes *look* to the LORD our God, until He has mercy on us.
- Matthew 14:30 And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw that the wind *was* boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”
- Mark 6:41 And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves..

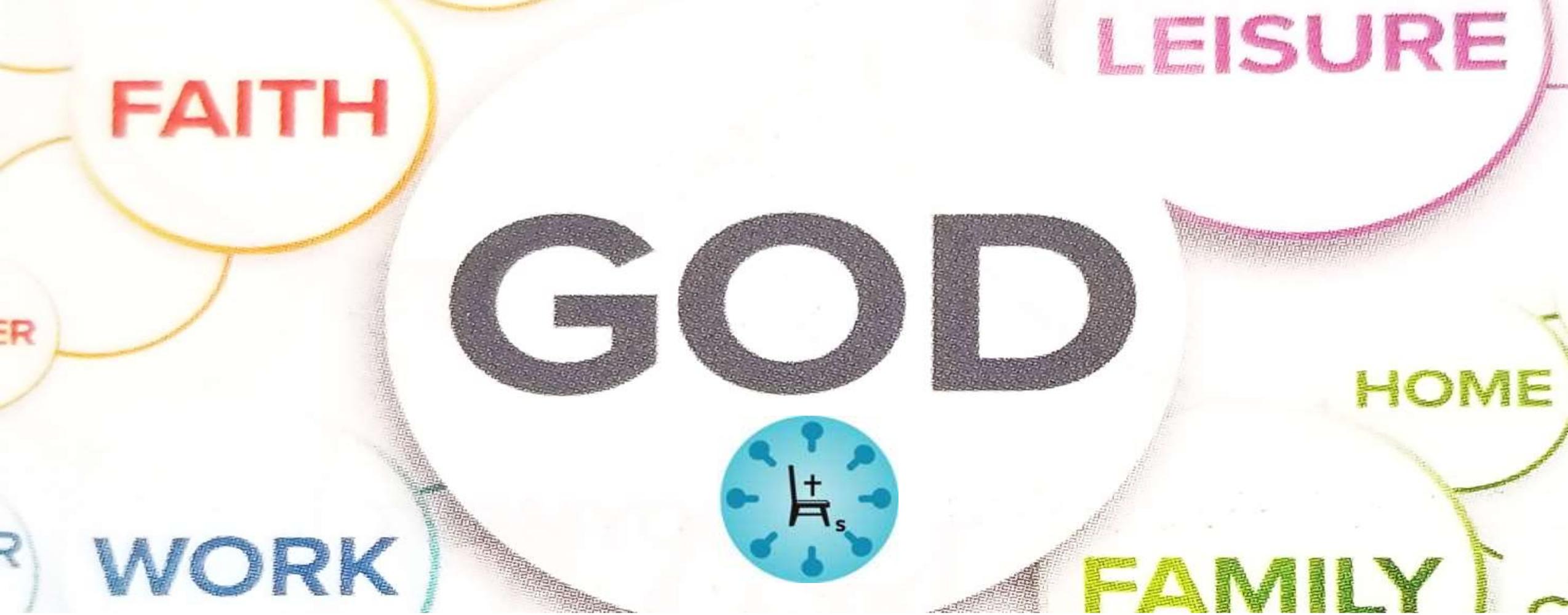
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## — Keep your Mind on Him

- Isaiah 26:3-4 You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *Whose mind is stayed on You*, Because he trusts in You. <sup>4</sup>Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, *is everlasting strength (Rock of Ages)*.
- Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; <sup>2</sup> But his *delight is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he *meditates* day and night.
- Matthew 6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

# Keeping God at the Center

- Keep your Walk close to Him
  - Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God; and he *was* not, for God took him.
  - Genesis 6:9 Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.
  - “Trust and Obey”: When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way! While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
  - 1 Cor 7:35 And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.



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